Mr. Ananda Row.—I move that the Bill be now finally read

Seconded by Dr. Poonen.

Carried.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATI(AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, at the last meeting of the Council, we consi the Select Committee's report on the amendments proposed to the Towns Conser and Improvement Regulation. But I then forgot to bring to the notice of the (cil another amendment, relating to Sections 36 and 37 of the Regulation. The n sity for this set of amendments was strongly felt, and brought to the notice of Government, by the Town Improvement Committee, Trivandrum. I shall br explain the circumstances. It will be noticed that some years back there v several fires in Trivandrum, and as a means of protection to houses whose roofs w made of non-inflammable materials, the provisions contained in Section 36 w enacted, but under this Section, the house-owner has the discretion to apply to Committee to renew his roof with non-inflammable materials. So far as t matter is concerned, I do not think that, in any Municipality in British India similar provision exists. The majority of the houses here are now made of non inflammable materials and a small minority alone are found to be made of inflam- mable materials. Besides, the present provision in Clause (c) of Section 36 is understood to mean that the Committee shall find funds for the renewal of the houses with non-inflammable materials. The Committees are unable to put the law into force, owing to the existence of the said Clause (c). I, therefore, beg to move that the rules of procedure may be suspended in view to the amendments to Sections 36 and 37 being incorporated in the Bill now pending before the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Copies of the memo of amendments were then distributed among the Members.

Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai.—Sir, I think that this is a material amendmen requiring some consideration. There was no previous notice on the subject an there appears to be no necessity for hurrying this through the Council. I am n in favour of suspending the rules.

Mr. Madhavan Tampy.—I also think so.

Mr. P. Kesava Pillai.—I think that it will be better to adjourn this for consideration.

After some discussion, it was resolved by the Council that the proposed amendments be brought up for consideration at the final reading of the amending Bill, previous notice of the same being now given to the Members.

The Council adjourned at 1 P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,

President.

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